

Transportation

Commercial air transportation cost within CNMI to and from the Commonwealth Health Center and commercial air transportation to and from facilities outside the CNMI will be provided by the Medicaid Agency. Such airfare costs will be provided to patients and their escorts as authorized by the Medical Referral Committee in accordance with its policies and procedures for necessary medical care not available in the CNMI. Ground transportation will be provided by the Northern Marianas Liaison Office on Guam or Honolulu, or by a licensed ambulance service. Ambulance services within the CNMI are provided by the Department of Public Safety in cases of emergencies.

3.2 Coordination of Medicaid with Medicare Part B

The Medicaid agency makes the entire range of benefits under Part B of Title XVIII available as part of the plan to certain eligible individuals under a buy-in agreement, through payment of the premium charges on behalf of such individuals, by meeting all or part of the cost of the deductible cost sharing or similiar charges under Part B. Regulation requirements under 42 CFR 431.625 will be met.